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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD

1. IN RESPONSE TO SAG INVITATION, CONVEYED THROUGH AMBASSADOR SOWAYYEL, SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MANSFIELD, MRS. MANSFIELD, AND A PARTY OF FIVE PLAN VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AUGUST 5-7. ACCORDING TO SAUDI CHARGE HERE, SAG WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS, SCHEDULING, AND SO FORTH.

2. PARTY WILL INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO MANSFIELDS, SECRETARY OF THE SENATE FRANCIS R. VALEO; SFRC STAFF MEMBER NORVILL JONES; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT MS SALPEE SAHAGIAN; LCDR THOMAS LOWE, USN (M.D.); AND STATE ESCORT OFFICER LOUIS SCHWARTZ (BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION). CODEL WILL TRAVEL VIA USAF VC-135, AND PLANS TO ARRIVE SAUDI ARABIA LATE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 5, DEPARTING MORNING OF AUGUST 7.

3. IN DISCUSSING VISIT WITH SAUDI CHARGE, WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AIRCRAFT STOP AT JIDDA FOR NECESSARY
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REFUELING AND THEN PROCEED TAIF, WHERE WE (AND HE) ASSUME

PRINCIPAL PART OF MANSFIELD'S PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE
(AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY UNABLE REFUEL TAIF). JIDDA STOP WILL

ALSO PERMIT YOU TO BRIEF THE GROUP, AND TO ACCOMPANY
THEM TO TAIF. CHARGE WILL BE REPORTING TO SAG, AND WILL
IN TURN KEEP US INFORMED OF SCHEDULING PLANS AS THEY DE-
VELOP.

4. YOU SHOULD SUPPLEMENT OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDI
EMBASSY HERE BY RAISING SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY,
ROYAL PROTOCOL, OR WHICHEVER SAG ENTITY IS RESPONSIBLE,
SAYING THAT WE UNDERSTAND SAUDIS HAVE HANDLED INITIAL
PLANNING THROUGH THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY, THAT WE DO
NOT WISH TO INTERFERE WITH THAT CHANNEL IF THEY PREFER
TO USE IT, BUT THAT YOU AND EMBASSY STAFF ARE ANXIOUS
TO BE OF HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD OF COURSE
PASS ALONG ANYTHING YOU LEARN ABOUT SAUDI PLANS
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT SAG IS COMMUNICATING SUCH
PLANS DIRECT TO THEIR CHARGE FOR TRANSMISSION TO
MANSFIELD'S PARTY.

5. SEPTELS WILL FOLLOW ASAP ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND FISCAL
DETAILS, CODEL'S DESIRE AS REGARDS BRIEFING IN JIDDA,
ETC. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO GIVE YOU BASIS FOR
APPROACHING SAG TO BEGIN COORDINATION PROCESS.
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